

## METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PRIORITIZING PRINT JOBS FROM MULTIPLE PRINTER INPUT CHANNELS

### ABSTRACT

A system, apparatus and method for dictating the order that print jobs  
5 received over multiple data channels are printed. A priority value is assigned to  
each data channel that receives print jobs. The priority value of the data channel is  
imparted to each of the print jobs received via its respective data channel. The  
relative priorities of the print jobs is determined, and the print jobs are printed in an  
order corresponding to their relative priority values.